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TOPIC Military Activities in Jena and Weimar 25X1

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1. The following shipments were loaded at the Saalebahnhof in Jena between  
27 April and 4 May 1955:

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27 April: At 1230, 20 boxcarloads of billeting equipment which were  
shipped to the station by trucks

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Drivers wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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3 May. At 1000, a total of 2 x 85-mm AA guns, 3 searchlights, 8 to 10  
trucks with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 1 jeep, 1  
ambulance, and billeting equipment on 2 trains including a total of 40  
to 50 boxcars. The materiel was shipped to the station on trucks   
 drivers of which wore black-bordered  
red epaulets.

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These trains left toward Naumburg between midnight and 0400 on 4 May.

4 May. At midnight, 10 to 14 tanks, 7 SP guns similar to JSW-249 guns, 2  
two-axle armored scout cars, 8 to 10 trucks, 1 ambulance and 1 field  
kitchen which left toward Naumburg at 0930.

In the morning, a total of 7 tanks, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 heavy mortars,  
presumably of 160 mm, 2 pontoons, 15 to 20 trucks and billeting equipment  
was loaded on 2 trains, which included a total of 40 to 50 boxcars. The  
materiel was shipped to the station on trucks, drivers of which wore  
blue-bordered black epaulets.

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2. On 3 May, two columns left Weimar and went toward Erfurt. The first column  
which left at 1900, consisted of 4 x 85-mm AA guns, towed by trucks   
10 x 85-mm AT guns towed by trucks, 3 x 120-mm mortars, 30 trucks including  
some with billeting equipment, several tank trucks and ambulances and 4  
to 5 field kitchens. The trucks carried 200 to 250 soldiers   
 The second column, which left at 2030,  
included only a few soldiers and 6 x 85-mm AA guns towed by trucks.

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3. On 4 May, the bulk of the units from Flak Kaserne (8501) in Weimar were  
absent. The other installations were occupied as previously.

4. On 2 May, the Buchenwald concentration camp was occupied by an engineer  
unit of 250 to 300 men.

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1. Comment. Elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div were entrained for summer camps.

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2. Comment. the column belonged to the 20th Gds Mecz Div, which is believed to be stationed in the Luetzendorf Kaserne and the Tannenberg Kaserne. The observation of 85-mm AA guns and the light occupation of the Flak Kaserne tend to indicate that elements of the 13th AAA Div were also absent from the post.

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3. Comment. the Buchenwald concentration camp had been vacated by Soviet troops on 12 April and was occupied by 200 KVP soldiers.

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